



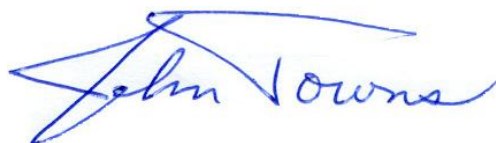
September 17, 2012

Dear Mark:

I have received your letter of July 12, 2012 expressing your wish to participate in the XSEDE Federation as a Level 1 Service Provider (SP) through delivery of the Kraken HPC resource. Your letter has been reviewed with the XSEDE Senior Management Team and we are very pleased to inform you that we approve your request for membership in the XSEDE Federation as a Level 1 Service Provider.

With this letter, on behalf of the XSEDE Program, I affirm XSEDE's understanding of the mutual responsibilities of XSEDE and SPs as documented in the XD Service Providers Forum: Charter, Membership, and Governance document (version 10.1, dated 2 February 2012, at: https://www.xsede.org/documents/10157/281380/SPF_Definition_v10.1_120228.pdf3) and commit to fulfill our obligations as described therein. In the event that you have an issue with XSEDE's performance, please contact me directly. Similarly, if we perceive an issue, we will contact you. In either case we commit to work with you to resolve any issues. XSEDE looks forward to working with you and your staff at National Institute for Computational Sciences to advance the mission of XSEDE and the NSF in advancing the nation's research capability

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Towns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J".

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